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SUBJECT: FISHING DISPUTE: NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRG

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1. ON EVE OF OCTOBER 28 OPENING OF FRG-ICELANDIC FISHERIES
NEGOTIATIONS, MEMBER OF GOI NEGOTIATING TEAM TOLD CHARGE GOI
STRONGLY WISHES TO MAKE PROGRESS IN RESOLVING FISHERIES DISPUTE
AND BELIEVES FRG DOES ALSO. WHILE SOURCE DOES NOT HOPE FOR FINAL
SETTLEMENT IN THIS WEEK'S TALKS, HE EXPRESSED LIMITED OPTIMISM
THAT BASIC ISSUES MAY BE DECIDED.

2. FROM CONVERSATION, IT APPEARS GOI BELIEVES GERMANS ARE AS MUCH
CONCERNED WITH CONTINUED ASSURED DELIVERIES OF FISH AS THEY ARE
WITH BEING ABLE TO CATCH IT THEMSELVES. SINCE MAJORITY OF GERMAN
FISHING IS RIGHT AT BOUNDARY OF POLITICALLY-SENSITIVE 50 MILE ZONE,
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GOI HAS SOMEWHAT MORE DOMESTIC FLEXIBILITY THAN IN BRITISH CASE.

THEREFORE, SOURCE IMPLIED GOI NEGOTIATING POSITION MAY INCLUDE
FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) GERMAN TRAWLERS WOULD BE ALLOWED ANNUAL CATCH OF 50,000 TONS
TO BE TAKEN IN 50-200 MILE ZONE. SOURCE LATER HINTED FALL-BACK
POSITION MIGHT BE 40-60 MILE ZONE WHERE GERMANS NOW FISH.

B) ICELAND WOULD GUARANTEE ANNUAL DELIVERY OF 40,000 TONS OF FISH
TO GERMAN PORTS THUS BRINGING TOTAL TO PRESENT FRG ANNUAL TAKE OF
APPROXIMATELY 90,000 TONS.

C) NO FRG FACTORY TRAWLERS WOULD BE ALLOWED IN ICELANDIC WATERS.

D) AGREEMENT WOULD RUN FOUR TO FIVE YEARS.

E) FRG WOULD IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW OBJECTION TO IMPLEMENTATION OF
EC TARIFF CONCESSIONS.

3. WHILE GOI HAS BEEN IMPRESSED BY RECENT SIGNS OF FRG WISH FOR
SETTLEMENT, IT IS CONCERNED AT TALK FROM BRUSSELS EC MEETING THAT
UK AND FRG SHOULD COORDINATE POSITIONS IN DEALING WITH ICELAND.
GOI BELIEVES POSITIVE POLITICAL DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN BONN
TO SETTLE MATTER BUT BELIEVES SIMILAR WILL NOT PRESENT IN LONDON.
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